

SOUTH-EASTERN UNION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

THE forty-second Annual Congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies was held, by invitation of the Mayor and Corporation and the Hastings and St. Leonard's Natural History Society, at Hastings, on 8th to 12th June, 1937.

The representatives of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, Messrs. Fox and Oke, duly attended.

The work of the Officials of the Union was greatly assisted by an influential local committee, headed by the Mayor, and the White Rock Pavilion was allotted as the headquarters of the Congress. The President-Elect was Professor F. E. Weiss, D.Sc. (Emeritus Professor of Botany in the University of Manchester).

In commemoration of the Congress, members of the Hastings Natural History Society prepared a handbook entitled "Hastings: A Survey of Times Past and Present," edited by Mr. Anthony Belt, F.L.S.

Tuesday, 8th June.—The morning was given over to routine business, and the afternoon to visits to the Castle, the Caves, St. Clement's and All Saints' Churches, the Old Town and Ecclesbourne Glen.

In the evening members were welcomed by the Mayor and by Mr. Anthony Belt (President of the Hastings Natural History Society). Professor Weiss, after induction as President, gave his presidential address on "Competition and Co-operation in Nature."

Wednesday, 9th June.—The business of the various Sections commenced, and in the Archæological Section, the President, Mr. L. F. Salzman, M.A., F.S.A., gave an address on "The Writing of Local History"; Alderman

T. S. Dymond read a paper on "The Cinque Ports Barons returned to Parliament, 1366 to 1722." Papers were also read in the Botanical Section, and in the afternoon members were received by the Mayor in the Public Museum, Cambridge Road, where a special exhibit had been prepared; a group-photograph was taken, and tea was provided by the Corporation. In the evening a public lantern-lecture was given by Mr. John E. Ray, F.R.Hist.Soc., on "The Cinque Ports."

Thursday, 10th June.—In the morning papers were read in the Geological and Regional Survey Sections; in the afternoon excursions were made to Ashburnham Place, Bexhill Church and Crowhurst Place (leader, Mr. J. E. Ray). Botanical, geological and zoological excursions were also made. Later, members assembled at the De la Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, where they were received by the Mayor of Bexhill, who kindly provided tea; Egerton Park and the Museum were then visited.

Friday, 11th June.—Papers were read in the Zoological Section in the morning. In the afternoon excursions were made as follows:—To Brede Place, Hawkhurst, etc. (leader, Mr. J. E. Ray); to Camber Sands; to Crowhurst Quarry, Heathfield Gas Bore, etc.; to the Mount Pleasant Fur Farm at Old Heathfield. In the evening the site of an Iron Bloomery at Crowhurst Park and Fairlight Glen and the Submerged Forest were visited.

Saturday, 12th June.—In the morning the representatives of the various Societies comprising the Union held the Annual Business Meeting, when various reports were read, and resolutions and votes of thanks were passed. The 1938 Congress will be held at Worthing.

In the afternoon a general excursion was made to the Romney Marsh Area; and there was also a shorter excursion to Winchelsea, Rye, Tenterden, etc.

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